

BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX

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Evacuations Advisory **Issued For Portions of Paradise**

The Butte County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Paradise Police Department have issued the following Evacuations' due to fires on the Butte Lightning Complex:

Immediate Threat Evacuations:

Butte County:

- Residents in the County area of Berry Creek off of upper and lower bald Rock Road at Oro-Quincy Highway, Rockefeller at Bean Creek Road and all connectors, Milsap Bar to the River.

Town of Paradise:

- Residents in the Town of Paradise on the East side of Pentz Road from the Skyway at Pentz Rd. south to the Town limits at Malibu Drive.

Residents should evacuate their homes and proceed immediately to the evacuation center. A fire is moving towards your area and there is an immediate threat to life and property. All roads in the area will be closed to incoming traffic. Evacuees should register with the Red Cross at the evacuation center in order to help locate family members and help to facilitate re-entry to the affected area when the advisories have been lifted.

Precautionary Threat Evacuations:

Butte County:

- Residents in the County area east of Pentz Road at Malibu Drive south to Durham-Pentz Road
- Residents in the County area of the Upper Ridge Old Magalia Zone which includes Old Skyway and all cross streets, Bader Mine Road and New Skyway from Coutolenc Road to Pentz Road,
- Residents in the County area of the Upper Ridge South Coutolenc Zone on Coutolenc Road from Skyway to Leucetia Road and all cross streets

Town of Paradise:

- Residents in the Town of Paradise West of Pentz Road, North of Pearson Road,
- East of Clark Road and South of Wagstaff Road.
- Residents in the town of Paradise West of Pentz Road, North of Wagstaff Road, and East of Skyway

A “Precautionary Evacuation Advisory” is defined as: Areas under a “Precautionary Evacuation” are in the fire’s influence zone. While not immediately in danger, changes in weather and/or fire conditions could rapidly cause a threatening situation to occur. Residents should be prepared to evacuate at a moments notice. Those needing extra time to evacuate should leave early.

Citizens should **prepare** to evacuate by gathering personal belongings that will fit into your vehicle, evacuate large animals and be prepared to move other pets. Residents should closely monitor public information sources and be prepared to evacuate immediately in the event fire conditions suddenly change. Please remain calm, use extreme caution when leaving the area, drive safely and follow the instructions of all public safety personnel.

The town of Paradise has established the following Public Assembly Points for residents to receive additional information on shelter locations:

- Tall Pines Entertainment Center , 5445 Clark Road, Paradise
- CMA (Alliance Church), 6491 Clark Road, Paradise.

Evacuation Shelter Locations:

Public Evacuation Location:

- Las Plumas High School – 2380 Las Plumas Ave., Oroville, CA 95965 530-538-2310
- Neighborhood Church- 2801 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico 530-343-6006

Animal/Pet Shelter Location:

- Chico State Farm (Large Animals) – 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane (off Hagen Ln.)

CAL FIRE, Butte County, and the Town of Paradise will continue to work cooperatively to provide official information to the public.

The Town of Paradise has activated its emergency operations center and is closely monitoring the situation and will be providing updates throughout the day. Information will also be posted on the Town of Paradise at www.townofparadise.com and recorded on the Town’s AM 1500 radio station. The Town of Paradise call center can be reached at 530-872-6291 or 530-872-5951.

For additional information on the Butte Lightning Complex contact the CAL FIRE call center at 530-538-7826 or at the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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